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- 1. CREGGAN ESTATE LONDONDERRY SCENE OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TROOPS AND RESIDENTS JULY 27 FOLLOWING ARREST OF TWO YOUTHS. ARMY FIRED RUBBER OR PLASTIC BULLETS, FOUR CIVILIANS TREATED AT HOSPITAL AND ONE SOLDIER RECEIVED BROKEN ARM. BUS AND AUTOMOBILES HIJACKED AND USED AS BARRICADES.
- 2. BARRICADED LOWER END OF QUEEN STREET BELFAST ON WHICH CONGEN LOCATED SCENE OF TWO MUCH LESS SERIOUS INCIDENTS DURING PAST WEEK. BOTH INCIDENTS FOLLOWED APPREHENSIONS OF GIRLS WHO ABUSIVE TO SOLDIERS AND BOTH FEATURED CROWDS THROWING STONES, BOTTLES AND FRUIT AND VEGETABLES AT TROOPS. FENCES PREVENTED DIRECT PHYSICAL ACCESS HOWEVER AND THERE NO KNOWN INJURIES. CONGEN SEES NO "CAMPAIGN" IN BELFAST BUT SITUATION LESS CERTAIN IN LONDONDERRY. PROVISIONAL IRA HAS ACKNOWLEDGED KILLING TWO SOLDIERS LATELY AND SCALE OF BOMBINGS THERE RECENTLY IS APPROACHING UNCLASSIFIED

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